

Writing 2002, Grade 8

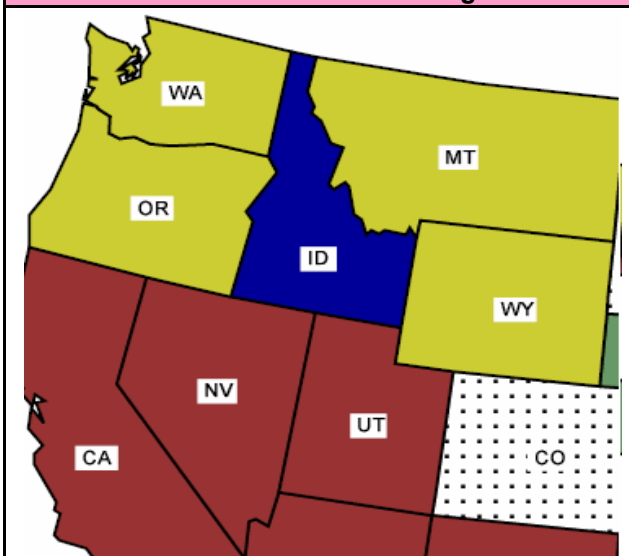
Writing Composite

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On the Writing 2002 assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, students were asked to demonstrate their ability to generate first-draft writing with ease, clarity, and precision in the three primary purposes of writing -- narrative (tell a story), informative, and persuasive. Students wrote for 50 minutes, with 25 minutes allowed for each of two prompts. Writing scale scores range from 0 to 300, where 114 is *Basic*, 173 is *Proficient*, and 224 is *Advanced*.

Writing in the Northwest (Average Scale Score)



Legend: Idaho (blue) is the focal state. States in green scored significantly higher than Idaho. States in yellow were not statistically different from Idaho. States in red scored significantly lower than Idaho.

◆ In 2002, the average scale score for 8th grade students in Idaho on the writing assessment was 151. This did not differ significantly from the national average (152).

◆ Idaho 8th graders had a higher average scale score on writing in 2002 than their peers in Nevada and Utah.

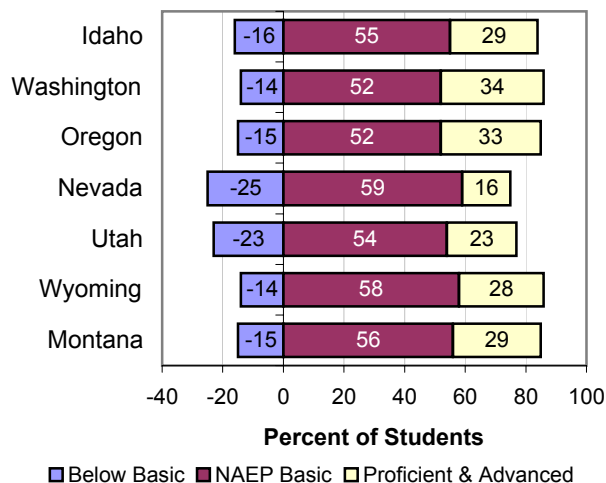
◆ Idaho 8th graders had an average scale score on the 2002 writing assessment that was not significantly different from Washington, Oregon, Wyoming and Montana.

Percentage of Grade 8 Students at NAEP Achievement Levels

◆ Eight-four (84) percent of Idaho 8th graders scored at or above *Basic* on the 2002 writing assessment. This is the same percentage as the nation.

◆ Idaho had a higher percentage of 8th graders than Nevada and Utah scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2002 writing assessment.

◆ The percentage of Idaho 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* on the writing assessment in 2002 was not significantly different from the percentage of 4th graders in Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, and Montana.



Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.

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